

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 have been allowed, but the issue fee, as yet has not been paid. No amendments to the independent claim 1 have been made. However, the dependent claims have been revised to improve antecedent basis, in some cases by changing dependency to claim 1 (claims 4, 9 and 10), and for clarity, for example, to correct typographical errors (claims 3 and 6)) or awkward wording (claims 9 and 12). The revised wording for Claim 12 also finds support on page 20, lines 12-13. Claim 18 has been revised for consistency with claims 16 and 17 to use the phrase “at least”. Support for this change is found on page 17, line 21 of the specification. No new matter has been added. In view of the nature of the revisions, no new search is required. Favorable consideration of this amendment and allowance of this application are now respectfully requested.

Conclusion

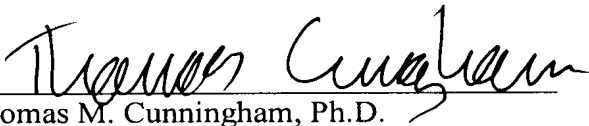
The Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment prior to issuance of this application as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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